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CENTER NEWS

In the Good Ole Summer Time—1990 Style

Our summer will start with a BANG. We will be involved with the hosting and arrangements of three national horticultural organizations, all within a two-week period. We would like to give a GREAT BIG WELCOME to all our friends in the Center for Plant Conservation, the American Horticultural Society, and the American Association for Botanical Gardens and Arboreta. Our faculty and staff are committed to seeing that everyone is treated to the best Northwest welcome possible. Needless to say after our visitors are gone, we will continue the rest of the summer with our normal number of classes, lectures, tours, and informational services. Please help us welcome all of our horticultural friends to the Great Northwest!

American Horticultural Society

The American Horticultural Society will be holding its 45th Annual Meeting, headquartered at the Stouffer-Madison Hotel, June 19–22, 1990. Members will be touring the Seattle area and attending programs of interest. The Society will be presenting its 1990 Awards, including: Catherine H. Sweeney Award to Mrs. Corydon Wagner; Commercial Award to Molbak's Nursery; Horticultural Writing to Steven Lorton; Local Horticulture Award to Mrs. Pendleton Miller. The group also will visit the Center and the Arboretum on its tours.

Welcome to AABGA

We are especially happy to welcome the members of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta to their annual meeting, June 27–30, 1990. All members of the Center faculty and staff have been working on various arrangements for over 2 years. We are excited to "showcase" the Northwest and its intense interest in people, plants, and the environment to the over 500 people expected to attend. Headquartered on the University campus, the meeting will be preceeded by several study tours throughout the Northwest, as well as in-training workshops. Tours to all the major gardens and parks such as the Bloedel Reserve, Rhododendron Species Foundation, Lakewold, VanDusen Botanical Garden, U.B.C. Botanical Garden, Washington Park Arboretum, Japanese Garden, Freeway Park, Gas Works Park, Carl English Garden, as well as many private gardens will be included. This meeting brings together directors, board members, development, curatorial and educational staff from most major gardens in America. The entire program will encompass nearly 10 days of dawn to dusk activities. WELCOME TO ALL OUR AABGA FRIENDS!

Sorbus Collection Dedication

The dedication of the Brian O. Mulligan Sorbus Collection is now set for Wednesday, June 13, at 4:30 p.m. Note date change. Call the Graham Visitors Center (543–8800) for details. This collection contains many unusual specimens of mountain ash, and is named for the Director Emeritus of the Washington Park Arboretum.

Building Name Change

On April 16, 1990, the name of the Conference Hall at the Center was officially changed to Northwest Horticultural Society Hall. Upon approval by appropriate committees and University President Gerberding, the name change recognizes the continuing contribution of the Society to horticulture education. This announcement was made at the annual meeting of the Northwest Horticultural Society.

Volunteers are Vital

Volunteers are a critical component of the successful programmatic efforts of the Center, including major functions in the Washington Park Arboretum. They gather, clean, package, and send seeds around the world; they gather, dry, label, and verify plant specimens for the Hortorium; they catalog, enter computer data, answer questions in the Miller Horticulture Library; they answer telephones and myriads of questions from visitors in the Graham Visitors Center and Merrill Hall; they lead guided tours to groups of all ages; they pull weeds; they enter multitudes of computer data; they file slides and photographs; they identify plants; they work in the greenhouse and on the grounds; they compile and send out news releases; and most of all they usually wear many hats by joining and working in one or more of the organizations which support horticultural operations through functions such as plant sales, special lectures, book sales, etc. We need your help, especially as a receptionist at the Center. If you have some extra time, why not join those who are having fun and helping to improve our world through the use of plants? Volunteer now.

PUBLIC HORTICULTURE LECTURE SERIES

One hour lectures on a wide range of horticultural topics.
A $2.00 donation is requested for all lectures held at the Center for Urban Horticulture.

Plants and Gardens of the World

Third Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m.,
at the Center for Urban Horticulture

Plants of Patagonia

September 17

Discover the beauty of the native plants of Patagonia—the southern mountainous region of Argentina, as Doris Taggart shares her high-country expedition. See this ruggedly beautiful countryside come alive in spring with an explosion of colorful wildflowers.

The Plant Enthusiast

Second Wednesday of each month, 10:00 a.m.,
at the Center for Urban Horticulture

The Hardy Fuchsias

September 12

Mary Robson, WSU Cooperative Extension Horticultural Program Assistant, reviews the colorful palette of hardy fuchsias adaptable to the Pacific Northwest and their culture and care. Learn how to properly care for your favorite selections and enjoy these exotic-appearing beauties at home.

The Master Gardener

Second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m.,
at the Center for Urban Horticulture

Practical gardening information presented by the Washington State University Master Gardeners.

The Edible Landscape

July 13

Limited space? Unlimited gardening desires? Learn the principles of creating an attractive home landscape which combines fruits, herbs, vegetables and other edibles with your ornamental plantings. Get the most out of your landscape with guidance from Master Gardeners. See related tour under Urban Horticulture Courses.

Mulch Madness

August 10

With so many choices available today, selecting the best mulch can be confusing. Learn which materials are available, how they are used, what they cost, where you can find them and enjoy this chance to see samples as Mary Robson and her Master Gardeners guide you through Mulch Madness.

Fall Garden Checklist

September 14

Ciscoe Morris outlines fall garden and landscape chores for the Seattle area. Learn wh[at] needs to be done, when to do it and hints f[or] making it easier. Find out how to properly manage your urban jungle from this experienced gardener.

Brown Bag Garden Talks

First and third Wednesdays of each month, 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. Usually held at the HUB, room 304F, University of Washington. FREE.

Campus Weed Walk

July 18

The first step in weed control is to properly identify the "culprits." Then the proper control measures can be employed. Sarah Gage, Collections Manager of the UW Herbarium leads this weed identifying walk on campus.
→MEET at the Botany Greenhouse

Friendship Grove Tour

August 1

The Friendship Grove is a planting of over forty tree species from around the world established thirty years ago during the World Forestry Congress at UW. Join expert Arthur Lee Jacobson for this look at the present day grove.
→MEET under George Washington statue (near Meany Hall)

Colors of Summer

August 15

Graduate student Jim Glover leads a campus walk highlighting summer-blooming trees and shrubs and their use and care. Come appreciate the beauty of summer as displayed by those popular or unusual landscape plants on campus.
→MEET at Red Square entrance to Suzzallo Library

Poisonous Plants in the Home Landscape

September 5

Learn which plants in your landscape may be potential health risks as Dave Stockdale identifies these plants and also discusses hazardous plant compounds, their actions and effects on humans.

Vermicomposting

September 19

Master Gardener Spencer Bergman outlines the principles of vermicomposting, i.e. composting using worms. This is an alternative measure for soil enrichment. Production and use of composted material also will b[e] discussed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 1990

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Noon–4 p.m. WPA 1 Master Gardener Clinic **1 p.m. WPA** Sundays at One Tour	2	3	4	5	6	**Noon–4 p.m. WPA** 7 Master Gardener Clinic
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URBAN HORTICULTURE COURSES

Summer Evening Stroll

Join us for a relaxing twilight tour of the Washington Park Arboretum. See the collections in a "new light" as the sun sets and a full moon rises. Arboretum guides will lead a tour emphasizing the sounds and scents of the plants, as well as plants with summer flowering periods. The event begins with cheese and crackers.

INSTRUCTOR: Arboretum guides
DATE: Tuesday, July 10, 8 to 10 p.m.
FEE: $10

Edible Landscape Tour

Enjoy this first-hand look at a Bellevue Master Gardener's edible home landscape. After a general tour by its creator, design and maintenance information will be provided by WSU Extension Horticultural Program Assistant Mary Robson and Center for Urban Horticulture Coordinator Dave Stockdale. Resource materials will be provided. No transportation will be provided; tour will begin at the garden site—address and map will be sent with registration confirmation.

INSTRUCTOR: Mary Robson and Dave Stockdale
DATE: Saturday, July 14, 10 a.m. to noon
FEE: $15

Common Weeds of Home and Garden

Learn to identify weeds and their life cycles and you will be well on your way to effective control. This class will enable the home gardener to identify and control the most common and troublesome weeds in the Pacific Northwest. Slides, handouts and live specimens will supplement the lecture. Basic and nontraditional methods of control also will be covered.

INSTRUCTOR: Catherine Hovanic
DATE: Thursday, July 19, 7 to 9 p.m.
FEE: $15

Summer Nursery Tour

Join CUH staff as they explore specialty nurseries in north Seattle and the Kingston area. These nurseries, some which are open by appointment only, specialize in hard-to-find garden plants, including water plants. Participants will have the opportunity to purchase plants and doubtless will return with many new ideas for their own gardens. Transportation will be provided.

TOUR GUIDES: Becky Johnson and Dave Stockdale
DATE: Thursday, July 26, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
FEE: $40

Plants That Make You Sneeze

Do your eyes water when you are near plants—not because of your appreciation of their beauty but because you suffer from hay fever? Learn the facts and myths surrounding plant allergies. Discover which plants cause the most discomfort so you can avoid planting them. The instructor, a doctor at the Virginia Mason Allergy Clinic, will also give you tips on relieving discomfort.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. David Robinson
DATE: Thursday, August 16, 7 to 9 p.m.
FEE: $15

Perennial Plant Identification

This class will take you one step beyond the basics of perennial plant recognition. See a wide range of perennials growing and learn to look for the differences between the plants. Common perennials, as well as lesser-known plants, will be covered. The cultural requirements and landscape uses also will be discussed.

INSTRUCTOR: Sue Buckles
DATE: Saturday, August 18, 9 a.m. to noon
FEE: $18

REGISTRATION FORM

Urban Horticulture Courses—

COURSE	FEE	NAME(S)	TOTAL
			$

CHECK ENCLOSED FOR $_____

Checks payable to University of Washington. No bank cards. Registrations filled in order received. Limited class enrollment; classes fill rapidly, so register early. Portion of fee may cover refreshments and speaker expenses.

Refunds: Requests must be in writing or in person. Requests received 7 days or less from first class meeting have a $3.00 handling fee deducted. No refunds after the first class meeting.

NAME_____ Phone: Day_____ Evening_____

ADDRESS_____
Street City State ZIP Code

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University of Washington
Seattle, Washington 98195

A Gift of Learning: Give a gift certificate in the amount of one of the courses. Call 685–8033 for details.

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9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. weekdays

WPA—543–8800
10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. weekdays
Noon–4:00 p.m. weekends, holidays

Miller Library News

The Library's new 3000 sq. ft. addition was formally dedicated on May 25th with University President Gerberding and other dignitaries present. A public opening will follow later. New shelving, tables, and a reference desk are now in place to help you with your research.

Summer hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for University holidays (no summer evening hours).

Several gift books were received before press time: *The Exotic Garden* donated by Jan Kowalczewski Whitner; *Besler's Florilegium* donated by Mrs. Elisabeth Carey Miller in memory of Mrs. Walter Wyckoff; and a membership in *Bonsai Clubs International* donated by Sharon Muth.

Generous gifts were also received last spring from the King County Iris Society, Northwest Horticultural Society members, Arboretum Foundation Booksale, and Winlock Miller. Thanks to all individuals and groups who made donations towards Library collections, furnishings, and support.

Urban Ecologist to Arrive Soon

The Center faculty will soon expand to include Dr. Kern Ewing, urban ecologist. Dr. Ewing is presently a research assistant professor at the Laboratory for Wetland Soils and Sediments, Louisiana State University. He has a B.S. (Civil Engineering)—Texas Tech, M.A. (Sociology)—Texas Tech, M.S. and Ph.D. (Botany), University of Washington. He will be responsible for the urban ecology research, teaching, and continuing education programs at the Center, including the management of the Ecological Research Area. We welcome Dr. Ewing.

Mailing List Update

If you would like to continue receiving this newsletter, check the date on your address label. If your label is dated prior to June 1988, your name will be removed from our list UNLESS you call 685–8033.

Program Assistant to Guide CE Operations

After 6 months of working through the mechanisms of the University's personnel system, we are happy to announce that Liz Balow has become the new program assistant II. She will be responsible for all continuing education budgetary work, newsletter operations, reception volunteers, and office operations. She'll be the friendly voice on the other end of the telephone when you need to have special attention for class registrations, payments, etc. We'd also like to thank Karen Abelson who provided yeoman service during the job search.

Sue Ann Funk Completes Degree

Ms. Sue Ann Funk completed all requirements for a M.S. on March 7, 1990. Sue Ann developed the Urban Forestry Notebook, which was presented at the Urban Forestry Forum in January. This cooperative project was sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources, Puget Power, Davey Tree Expert Company, and the Center. A graduate of Kansas State, Sue Ann previously was a summer intern at the Washington Park Arboretum, supervised weekend volunteers and information at the Arboretum, and is presently coordinating our classes and newsletters. Congratulations Sue Ann!

Arbor Fest—Second Successful Year

"Polishing the Emerald Crown," the cooperative program between the Center and Jerry Clark, City Arborist, continued to focus efforts on the importance of trees. The Sunday program in the Washington Park Arboretum was an overwhelming success with many people stopping by to chat with our "Talking Trees." Mary Ellen Mulder, Arboretum Foundation Gift Shop Book Sales Coordinator presented an outstanding display of books about trees for both adults and children. The Tuesday ProHort program focused on proper tree care for professionals. The other lectures during the week were also well attended and plans are already under way for expanded programs next year.

People, Plants, Horticulture

Evaluation and expansion of the outreach programs of the Center began in 1981. Th current activity summary indicates that the activities of the Center place second on the University campus. Activities conducted by Center faculty, staff, graduate students, and volunteers included 203 lectures and seminars, 173 demonstration/guided tours, and 96 seminars at the new Northwest Garden and Flower Show with a combined attendance of 17,751. In addition, 398 other horticultural meetings (attendance of 21,788) were conducted by other horticulture/urban forestry groups on our two sites. The Miller Horticulture Library handled 3,019 individuals and 1,112 telephone inquires, whereas the Graham Visitors Center counted 22,012 individuals, and 8,678 telephone calls. The King County Master Gardeners also handled 1,975 inquires there. A large number of other campus and community groups extensively use both sites. Total contacts handled both on and off our facilities during 1989 were 116,354. This does not include attendance on the Washington Park Arboretum grounds as we have no accurate counting procedure presently. Does the telephone really ever stop ringing?

Hort Field Day—Another Great Success

Luck prevailed and beautiful spring weather greeted the 135 participants in the fourth annual Hort Field Day. From 14 area high schools—Auburn, Cascade (Everett), Lynnwood, Enumclaw, Everett, Franklin Pierce, Kent FFA, Lakewood, North Kitsap, Tahoma, Vashon, and Washington (Tacoma), these young ladies and men participated in 12 field events. Have you ever seen a team of young people plant a tree, trim around a styrofoam cup without shredding it, or create a brick pathway—properly? This year's winner was Franklin Pierce (Tacoma). All events, equipment, and scoring were handled by members of the Washington Association of Landscape Professionals, who consider this the perfect opportunity to work with this area's future urban horticulture leaders. Jeffrey D. Henning, Landscape Innovations, Woodinville, was the W.A.L.P. coordinator.

PROGRAMS IN THE WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM

The bright colors and vivid displays of spring have developed into summer's lush greens and rich textures. The serenity of a summertime walk brings refreshment to our senses—a perfect place for a relaxing afternoon or destination for out-of-town guests. For a change of pace, try visiting the Arboretum by canoe, and explore the waterways and wildlife around Foster Island and the Waterfront Trail. Canoes are available at the University's Waterfront Activity Center (543–2217) near Husky Stadium.

Throughout the Arboretum, you can find many plants in bloom during these months: *Eucryphia, Stewartia, Hydrangea, Embothrium, Buddleia, Clethra, Styrax, Cistus, Ceanothus,* and *Escallonia,* to list a few.

TOURS

For an in-depth look at the Arboretum in summer, join one of our free public tours. Tours leave from the Graham Visitors Center, and no registration in necessary.

Sunday at One

Every Sunday at 1 p.m., Arboretum guides lead tours highlighting plants of seasonal interest. This is a special way to treat your out-of-town guests.

Explorers' Walks

For plant enthusiasts, an "Explorers' Walk" is offered the fourth Wednesday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon.

Group Tours

Special guided tours of the Arboretum can be scheduled. Tours for school classes, garden clubs, and other interested groups can be arranged with three weeks advance notice. Call 543–8800 for further information.

Graham Visitors Center

The Graham Visitors Center is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from noon to 4 p.m. on weekends. Volunteers are on duty to answer your questions about the Arboretum and to help you plan your visit. The Arboretum Foundation's gift shop is filled with interesting items for sale. If you are interested in getting more involved at the Arboretum, call 543–8800 to find out about our exciting volunteer opportunities.

Master Gardeners

The Washington State University Master Gardeners will be at the Graham Visitors Center this summer, every Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. to answer your gardening questions.

Yellow Pages Direct Dial

Don't forget to use the Yellow Pages Direct Dial to find out about the latest CUH/WPA activities. Dial 624–4500 and use access code 2841. It's free!

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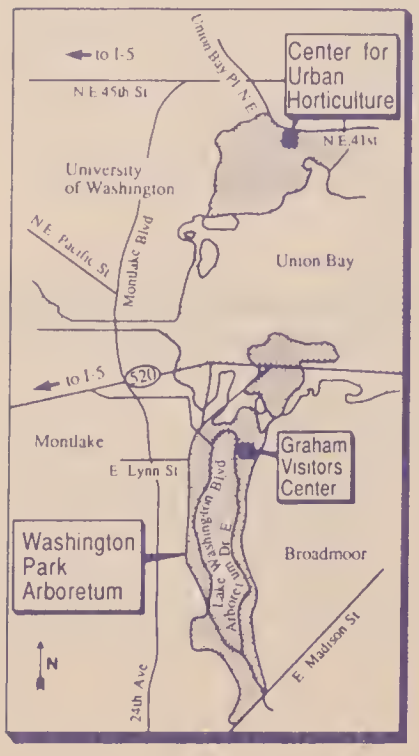

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